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HI THERE. I'VE COME TO JOIN THE AVENGERS.

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SO...WILL YOU *SUMMON 'EM* FOR ME OR YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION OF MY *POWERS* FIRST OR WHAT?

WELL?

UH-OH. HERE GOES, MY FIRST *REAL TEST* OF KEEPING MY *COOL* UNDER PRESSURE SINCE I *STARTED* THIS JOB A FEW WEEKS AGO. THIS GUY SCANS AS A *BEING OF POWER--*

--THE QUESTION IS...IS HE A *PSYCHO SUPER-VILLAIN* OR WHAT HE SEEMS TO BE--A STUDLY ANGLO *SUPER HERO* I NEVER HEARD OF?

WAIT, HOW *RUDE* OF ME. I HAVEN'T *INTRODUCED* MYSELF. I'M *MARVEL BOY*. AND YOU'RE--?

DONNA MARIA PUENTES.

WELL, MISS PUENTES, I REALLY *DO* HAVE A LOT OF GREAT SUPER-POWERS THE AVENGERS WILL BE *INTERESTED IN...*

OHHHH!

I'M OUT OF RANGE OF THE *OVERRIDE SWITCH!* THE *STATIS FIELD* IS GOING TO ACTIVATE *ANY MOMENT!*

MMMMMMMMMM

HUH?

SEE?

THEN WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THE *GIANT HAND* HE MADE?!?

SOME KINDA *PARALYSIS BEAM...*

...FOR LIL' OL' *ME...?*

REALLY, YOU *SHOULDN'T'VE!*

I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE IT CAN DO MUCH AGAINST A FELLA WHO CONTROLS HIS POWER WITH HIS *MIND!*

SEE? I CAN SET YOU *DOWN* PRETTY AS YOU PLEASE, ALL WITHOUT MOVING *A MUSCLE!*

NOW WILL YOU PLEASE SEND FOR THE *AVENGERS* BEFORE I'M PROVOKED INTO DOING SOME SERIOUS *PROPERTY DAMAGE?*

OHO! *BLACK WIDOW! THE VISION! BLACK KNIGHT* AND *HERCULES!*

YOU *WANT* THE AVENGERS-- YOU'VE *GOT* THEM, KID--*IN YOUR FACE!*

VERILY!

WAITAMINUTE--I'M NOT *WORTH* CALLING IN *CAPTAIN AMERICA, THOR,* AND *IRON MAN?* HMH!

WE ARE *ALL* THE AVENGERS YOU SHALL *REQUIRE*, STRIPLING.

MS. PUENTES. DEACTIVATE THE *FIELD* EVERYTHING'S UNDER *CONTROL*.

WHO THE HECK ARE *YOU* SUPPOSED TO BE, KID?

I'M *MARVEL BOY*, AND I'M HERE TO JOIN THE *AVENGERS*.

MARVEL BOY? YOU MEAN THAT *NEW WARRIOR* WHO WAS JUST CONVICTED OF *MURDERING HIS FATHER*?

HUH? NO. THAT'S NOT *ME*. I'M THE *ORIGINAL* I'VE FOUGHT CRIME SINCE THE *1950S*!

YOU LOOK SOMEWHAT *YOUNG* FOR THAT.

OF *COURSE*! I WAS IN *SUSPENDED ANIMATION* FOR A BUNCH OF DECADES.

HMMM, I DON'T WANT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR A *FATHER-KILLER*. MAYBE I'D BETTER ADOPT A *NEW NAME*, HUH?

I KNOW. CALL ME *QUASAR*.

THERE'S *ALREADY* A QUASAR. HE'S ONE OF OUR *RESERVE MEMBERS.*

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN?*

NOT ANYMORE.

STOP *KIDDING!* YOU *KNOW* WHAT I MEAN QUASAR'S *DEAD.* HE DIED IN THE SO-CALLED *INFINITY WAR.*

SURELY *SOME* OF YOU GUYS MUST'VE BEEN THERE. I CAN'T BE TELLING YOU SOMETHING *NEW!*

"QUASAR WAS GIVEN THE *ULTIMATE NULLIFIER* AND SENT BY *THANOS THE TITAN* TO USE IT AGAINST THE BIG INFINITY WARRIOR HIMSELF--THE *MAGUS*...

"ONLY WHEN HE USED IT, IT NULLIFIED *HIM,* INSTEAD OF HIS TARGET.

"NO ONE'S SEEN HIM *SINCE* AND WORD IN THE COSMIC COMMUNITY IS HE'S *GONE FOR GOOD!"* *

*SEE THE LAST TWO ISSUES.

I WAS THERE WHEN YOUNG QUASAR WAS DISPATCHED WITH SAID DEVICE. NO ONE *SAW* WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM...

...BUT WHEN THE MALEVOLENT *MAGUS* WAS *VANQUISHED* AND ALL SET A'RIGHT, HE DID *NOT* RETURN.

HOW COME THEE BY THIS *TRAGIC REPORT,* STRIPLING?

WHEN QUASAR'S COSMIC MENTOR *EPOCH*--DID HE EVER TELL YOU GUYS ABOUT EPOCH?--BROUGHT ME OUT OF THE *LIMBO* I WAS IN, HE CLUED ME IN TO WHAT *HAPPENED,* AND APPOINTED ME TO TAKE *QUASAR'S PLACE.*

AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M DOING *HERE.* SO WHAT DO YOU *SAY?* WHEN'S MY *INDUCTION?*

I LIKE NOT THIS LAD'S *PRESUMPTION!*

OR DO I HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE MY *POWERS* TO YOU GUYS?

AS FAR AS POWER GOES, ANYTHING *QUASAR* CAN DO, *I* CAN DO JUST AS WELL! MY *QUANTUM-BANDS* ARE JUST LIKE THE ONES THAT GOT *NULLIFIED* WITH HIS *BODY!*

GO AHEAD-- TEST MY *ENERGY-BUBBLES!* YOU'LL FIND THEM PRETTY DARN NEAR *INDESTRUCTIBLE.*

TELL ME I CAN JOIN THE *CLUB* AND I'LL *LET YOU OUT.*

LET US OUT *NOW* OR WE WILL CONSIDER THIS AN *ACT OF AGGRESSION!*

YOUR CONSTRUCTS CANNOT HOLD ONE WHO CAN BECOME INTANGIBLE AS AIR.

NOW RELEASE THEM OR I WILL SEMI-MATERIALIZE MY HAND INSIDE YOUR CHEST CAVITY. I AM TOLD THE EXPERIENCE IS EXCRUCIATING.

NO PROBLEM, VIZHY!

THERE. I POPPED THE BUBBLES.

NOW AM I AN *AVENGER?* WHEN'S THE *OFFICIAL INITIATION?* DO I GET SOME KIND OF *MEMBERSHIP CARD* AND *SIGNAL DEVICE?*

YOU *GET* SOMETHING, IMPETUOUS ONE. AN UNBREAKABLE *GRIP* COURTESY OF THE *LION OF OLYMPUS!*

ALL *RIGHT!* THIS IS PART OF THE *INITIATION,* RIGHT?

ENOUGH OF YOUR PRATTLE ABOUT *MEMBERSHIP.* WE WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT *QUASAR!*

I *TOLD* YOU ALL I KNOW. *HE'S* DEAD. *I'M* ALIVE. THAT'S *ALL* THERE'S TO IT.

THERE'S SOMETHING *SUSPICIOUS* ABOUT HIS STORY. WE NEED TO *DETAIN* HIM, *INTERROGATE* HIM AT LENGTH...

OKAY. LET'S TALK *MEMBERSHIP* THEN. I CAN GET YOU THE *APPLICATION* TO FILL OUT, THEN SCHEDULE A *PERSONAL INTERVIEW* WHILE WE RUN A ROUTINE *BACKGROUND CHECK--*

MAN, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A LOT OF *BUREAUCRACY.* CAN'T WE *SKIP* ALL THAT IN MY CASE? I *AM* QUASAR'S SUCCESSOR, AFTER ALL.

WAIT--IT'S THE *NAME PROBLEM,* ISN'T IT? I NEED AN *ORIGINAL NAME* BEFORE YOU'LL LET ME IN, RIGHT?

OKAY... LET'S SEE... HOW ABOUT *BLUE MARVEL!?!* IS *THAT* NAME TAKEN?

YOU'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE TO SUBMIT TO OUR *STANDARD PROCEDURES,* SAME AS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF *US.*

AH, *FORGET IT!* I THINK I'VE BEEN PRETTY *PATIENT* WITH ALL YOU AND YOU'RE JUST GIVING ME THE *RUN-AROUND* FOR SOME REASON.

WELL, I DON'T HAVE TO *PUT UP* WITH IT! I'M THE *PROTECTOR* OF THE WHOLE DARN *UNIVERSE.* THERE'S *NOBODY* WORTHIER TO JOIN YOUR LITTLE CLUB THAN ME BUT YOU'RE SO HUNG UP ON PETTY *BUREAUCRACY,* YOU CAN'T *SEE* IT!

MAYBE IT'S *YOU* AVENGERS WHO AREN'T WORTHY OF *ME!*

YOU CHUMPS *HAD* YOUR CHANCE! NOW YOU CAN GO *HANG* FOR ALL I CARE! JUST WAIT TILL YOUR NEXT *COSMIC CRISIS*--THEN YOU'RE GONNA *WISH* YOU HADN'T DRIVEN ME AWAY!

WHOA!
QUASAR--?!?

WELL, *THAT* DIDN'T GO AT ALL LIKE I PLANNED IT. WONDER WHAT THE *MASTER* WILL SAY?

THOR! DID YOU SEE HIM?

YOU MEAN *QUASAR*?

NO. SOMEONE CALLING HIMSELF THE *BLUE MARVEL*. HE'S GOT ALL OF *QUASAR'S POWERS* BUT SEEMS HIGHLY *UNSTABLE* AND POTENTIALLY *DANGEROUS*.

I WANT *ALL AVENGERS*, ACTIVE AND RESERVE, PUT ON *ALERT*. I WANT HIM *FOUND* AND *NEUTRALIZED* AT ALL COSTS.

THOR-- *VISION--* GO AFTER HIM!

I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE HIS CLAIM ABOUT *QUASAR!*

MEANWHILE, IN A STAR SYSTEM COUNTLESS LIGHT YEARS FROM EARTH'S, ONE OF QUASAR'S CLOSEST COMPANIONS IS TOO BUSY JUST NOW TO WONDER WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HIM...

NO MATTER HOW MANY OF THESE BLACK WARSHIPS I DISABLE, MORE OF THEM KEEP COMING ON!

ALL I'VE MANAGED TO DO IS DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION FROM THE HAPLESS WORLD BELOW-- TO ME!

NYUUUH!

CAUGHT ME IN THE CROSSFIRE!

IMPACT HURLING ME INTO A LOWER ORBIT!

AM I OKAY? I KNOW I'M STARTING TO DEPLETE SOME OF MY ENERGY STORES AFTER THIS SUSTAINED EXPENDITURE!

BY THE STARS! MY ARM-- AT THAT POINT WHERE THAT PHOTONIC BLAST HIT ME... I-I'M SCABBING!

I HAVE TO WILL IT TO STOP! DON'T WANT TO FULLY RETREAT INTO MY COCOON-STATE TO HEAL MY INJURIES!

UNKNOWN TO THE COSMIC WOMAN CALLING HERSELF **KISMET**, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET ARE TWO **OTHER** EARTH NATIVES...

DO WE REALLY HAVE TO GET ANY **CLOSER**, **KAYLA**?

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO REGENERATE YOURSELF A ***NEW BODY*** AGAIN IF YOU'RE HIT--

--BUT NOT ***ME!***

BETTER FIND ***SHELTER*** ON THE PLANET BELOW AND ***RECUPERATE*** A BIT.

IF I SUSTAIN ***ANOTHER WOUND*** BEFORE I RECOVER FROM THE ***FIRST***, I WON'T BE ABLE TO ***OVERRIDE*** MY BODY'S ***AUTOMATIC HEALING RESPONSE!***

SORRY, ***HOLLY***-- BUT I FIGURE IT'S BEST IF WE REMAIN A ***MOVING TARGET!***

LOOK AT IT--THE 50 FOOT ***CHIEF EXTERMINATOR*** TAKING ON A DOZEN SHIPS WITH THE ***POWER*** HE SYNTHESIZED FROM ***EARTH'S SUPER HEROES!***

HE'S BLASTING THE *TAR* OUT OF THEM!

MAYBE EVEN *WITHOUT* MY POWER, HE'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO BEAT THE *BLACK FLEET!*

MAYBE.

BUT SO MUCH OF THIS PLANET'S SURFACE HAS *ALREADY* BEEN *DEVASTATED*...SO MANY *PEOPLE KILLED*...IT'S GOING TO BE A *PYRRHIC VICTORY* AT BEST.

I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU *MEAN* BY THAT, BUT AS LONG AS *ANY* OF THE NATIVES SURVIVE, THAT MEANS THEY CAN *REBUILD* AND *BEGIN AGAIN.*

AND BESIDES, WE NEED SOMEONE LEFT IN ORDER TO HELP US *GET BACK* TO--

oh.

Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?

I GUESS!

INCREDIBLE! THAT DEATH-RAY WAS COMING AT US AT THE *SPEED OF LIGHT*--AND *STILL* KAYLA MANAGED TO HAUL US OUT OF THE WAY!

HER MASTERY OVER THAT *STAR TATTOO'S POWER* SEEMS TO BE GROWING RAPIDLY!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH...

--SO MY PLAN TO TAKE *QUASAR'S PLACE* IN THE *AVENGERS* HIT A *SNAG*, BUT I'VE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO MAKE THEM *RECONSIDER*.

--AND IF IT WORKED FOR *QUASAR*, I'M SURE IT'LL WORK FOR ME.

BUT FIRST I'M GOING TO TRY TO APPROPRIATE HIS *CIVILIAN IDENTITY*. I'LL NEED A *HOME BASE* ON EARTH--

BLUE MARVEL OUT!

FOUR FREEDOMS PLAZA, HOME OF--

--*VAUGHN SECURITY CONSULTANTS*, QUASAR'S LITTLE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

QUASAR!?

NOT EXACTLY. I'M HIS *REPLACEMENT*.

CALL ME *BLUE MARVEL.*

YOU GUYS WERE FRIENDS OF *QUASAR'S*, RIGHT?

THIS MIGHT BE ONE OF WENDELL'S *ENEMIES*--BETTER NOT *REVEAL ANYTHING.*

UH, *NOT REALLY.* MET HIM *ONCE*--WHEN HE HAD A *FIGHT* IN THIS BUILDING.

IS THAT A *FACT*, MISTER--?

TANAKA. *KEN TANAKA.*

THEN I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU EVEN WANT TO *KNOW* WHAT *HAPPENED* TO HIM, HMM?

WHY? WHAT *HAPPENED* TO HIM?

AHA! ADMIT IT--YOU'RE *FRIENDS* WITH HIM!

N-NO, I'M JUST *CURIOUS.* HE SEEMED LIKE AN *ALL RIGHT GUY.*

WELL, MR. KEN TANAKA--HE'S *DEAD*, AND I'VE TAKEN HIS *PLACE* IN THE COSMIC SCHEME OF THINGS.

I KNOW HE MADE HIS HEADQUARTERS *HERE*--SO I GIVE YOU *FAIR WARNING* I INTEND TO *DO SO* AS WELL.

FINE. NOW IF YOU'LL *EXCUSE US*, WE'VE GOT--

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR *GAMES!* I'M A VERY *BUSY* PROTECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE!

I'LL BE *BACK*, MR. KEN TANAKA--AND YOU'D BETTER HAVE MY *OFFICE* READY FOR ME!

KEN... YOU *OKAY?*

YEAH, *MARLON*, I'M FINE.

IF THIS SORT OF THING HAPPENS *OFTEN* AROUND HERE--

--I QUIT!

AVENGERS HEADQUARTERS...

THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

ACCORDING TO OUR *FILES*, *MARVEL BOY*--REAL NAME: *ROBERT GRAYSON*--WAS INDEED A *CRIMEFIGHTER* DURING THE MID-1950'S WHO *DISAPPEARED* FOR SEVERAL DECADES.

WHEN HE FINALLY RETURNED, HE SEEMINGLY WENT *MAD* AND TERRORIZED THE CITY UNTIL THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* SUBDUED HIM.*

IN BATTLE, HE *DISINTEGRATED HIMSELF* SO THAT THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT OF HIM EXCEPT FOR THE *QUANTUM-BANDS*--

*BACK IN FANTASTIC FOUR #165.

--THE *SAME* QUANTUM-BANDS THAT WERE SENT ALONG TO *SHIELD* FOR STUDY AND EVENTUALLY WERE WORN BY *WENDELL VAUGHN* AS *QUASAR!*

I JUST DON'T SEE HOW HE COULD BE THE--

EXCUSE ME, *'TASHA*--I WAS IN TOUCH WITH AS MANY OF THE *INFINITY WAR* PARTICIPANTS AS I COULD FIND AND NOT *ONE* OF THEM HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF *QUASAR* AFTER HE SET OFF WITH THE SO-CALLED *NULLIFIER*.

THANKS, *DANE*. SO WHAT DO WE *HAVE* HERE? ONE QUANTUM-BANDER *MISSING IN ACTION* AND PRESUMED *DEAD*--A SECOND ONE ALL-TOO-ACTIVE AND FROM THE DEAD.

I SURE HOPE ONE OF THE *AVENGERS* MANAGES TO LOCATE THIS LITTLE *MYSTERY MAN*.

IT'S *INEVITABLE*, 'TASHA. HE'S TOO *WACKED-OUT* TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT FOR LONG!

NEAR PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY, AN HOUR LATER...

GIVE IT UP, *HEAT-RAY!* THE CHANCE OF YOUR *MICRO-WAVE BEAM* PENETRATING MY ALL-WAVELENGTH-BLOCKING *SHIELD* IS NEXT TO *ZILCH!*

STAY BACK, PUNK--THIS SUIT HAS *TRICKS* BUILT IN NOBODY EVER *SAW* BEFORE!

I'M NOT *DISAGREEING* WITH YOU. I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW *MANY* OF YOUR TRICKS WILL WORK ONCE I SLICE YOUR CONVENIENTLY EXPOSED *POWER-CONDUITS!*

HUH?

OH, S%@#&!

I'M WAITING FOR AN *ANSWER*, HEAT-RAY!

AND WHILE I WAIT, I THINK I'LL MOLD SOME OF MY STUFF INTO *BOXING GLOVES--*

--THE BETTER TO *WHUP* THE TAR OUT OF YOU AND YOUR FANCY-PANTSY, ARMORED-TRUCK ROBBING, HIGH TECH HIGHWAYMAN *SUIT OF ARMOR!*

WZZZ

AHA! THAT POLICE REPORT I PICKED UP PANNED OUT! THE *KID IN THE CAPE* MATCHES THE *DESCRIPTION* I WAS GIVEN!

NOW LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THE *FACE* OF THE BIG BAD *TRUCK-ROBBER.*

WELL, I CAN *SEE* WHY YOU'D WANT TO KEEP IT *CONCEALED.*

CAPTAIN MARVEL TO HEADQUARTERS. *CODE BLUE.* I'VE SPOTTED THE *TARGET* PREVENTING AN ARMORED TRUCK HEIST. *NOW* WHAT?

JUST KEEP HIM IN SIGHT, MONICA. DON'T MOVE IN UNTIL I SEND YOU SOME *BACK-UP.* WE DON'T WANT TO *LOSE* HIM AGAIN. WIDOW OUT.

AVEN
PRIORITY
AUTHORIZED CARD
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FULL

JUST *OBSERVE?* THAT'S EASY ENOU--

WHAT'S HE DOING?!?

THAT'S A--

--*GUILLOTINE!*

WHOOS

NOW WHAT DID YOU GO AND DO *THAT* FOR, LADY?

TO KEEP YOU FROM CHOPPING THAT MAN'S *HEAD OFF!*

I WASN'T *REALLY* GOING TO. I JUST WANTED TO *SCARE HIM* A BIT.

SCARE AN *UNCONSCIOUS MAN?*

COULDN'T STAND BY AND WATCH A MAN BE *BEHEADED!*

I DIDN'T SEE *YOU* STOPPING HIM, MISS--?

CAPTAIN MARVEL.

WELL, CAPTAIN MARVEL, I MUST SAY I DON'T LIKE YOUR *SNIPPY ATTITUDE* VERY MUCH. AND THAT *NAME* OF YOURS... IT JUST DOESN'T *FIT* YOU!

WHAT--?

YOU TRIED TO SQUASH ME!

FWOOMK

BLUNT

IT'S A *FIGHT* YOU WANT IS IT, CAPTAIN MARVEL?

THEN LET ME *OBLIGE.*

JUST REMEMBER, I HAD *NO QUARREL* WITH YOU UNTIL YOU *GAVE* ME ONE. I WAS SIMPLY APPREHENDING A *WRONG-DOER* JUST TO GET BACK INTO *PRACTICE.*

BUT *YOU* LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO BE A WHOLE LOT MORE *FUN* TO PRACTICE ON!

FIRST, YOU DON'T TURN TAIL AND *CHICKEN OUT*, LET'S HAVE SOME *BOUNDARIES.*

UH-OH, NOW I'M IN IT UP TO MY *EYEBALLS.*

AND I TOLD THE BLACK WIDOW I'D *STAY OUT* OF THIS--!

THE WIDOW'S ALL-POINTS BULLETIN ON THIS CHARACTER SAID HE SEEMED TO HAVE ALL THE *POWERS OF QUASAR*. I WISH I *KNEW* JUST WHAT THEY *WERE*!

THIS ENERGY-DOME FEELS *SOLID* ENOUGH!

IF ONLY I STILL HAD MY *ENERGY-TRANSFORMATION POWERS*, IT WOULDN'T STOP IN THE *SLIGHTEST*! BUT *NOW*--!

HE'S SLOWLY SHRINKING THE *CIRCUMFERENCE* OF THE DOME DRAWING ME CLOSER *TOWARD HIM*!

I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO GO ON THE *DEFENSIVE*!

BDUSH

Ahg!

GOT HIM!

THAT'S *TWICE* YOU SOCKED ME, LADY.

GONNA TRY FOR *THREE*?

WHOA! ALMOST SMASHED INTO THOSE *SPIKES*!

PRICKLES, HMM? THAT'S A *GOOD LOOK* FOR YOU, BOY!

MAYBE I MADE A *MISTAKE* GIVING YOU ALL THIS *ROOM* TO MOVE AROUND IN--

--MAYBE YOU'D LIKE AN *OBSTACLE COURSE!*

NNH! COULDN'T *AVOID* THESE THINGS!

SPEAKING OF GOOD LOOKS, *QUANTUM-SPAGHETTI* LOOKS GOOD ON *YOU!*

NOW BEFORE I *WILL IT* TO *TIGHTEN* AROUND YOUR ADMITTEDLY PLEASANT-LOOKING *BODY*, ANSWER ME SOMETHING.

WHAT'S YOUR *BEEF* WITH ME? WERE YOU THAT DIRTBAG *HEAT-RAY'S BACK-UP?*

NO... I-I'M AN *AVENGER*. I--UKK-- WAS SENT TO TELL YOU--UKK--*THEY RECONSIDERED* YOUR--UKK-- *MEMBERSHIP* APPLICATION--!

YOU'RE AN AVENGER? THEY MADE A *FLYING GIRL* LIKE *YOU* AN AVENGER AND TURNED *ME* DOWN?

PROVE YOU'RE AN AVENGER, LADY.

MY LEFT *BOOTFLAP*-- AKK--*ID CARD!*

OH, YEAH? HMMM.

IT DOES SAY *AVENGERS* ON IT. WHAT DO ALL THESE *BUTTONS* DO?

THEY CALL--AKK-- *HEADQUARTERS!* CALL THEM--AKK-- ASK WHO I *AM!*

WHAT'S THE *PASSWORD*?

0026A.

NO GO. YOUR CARD'S A *DUD*.

I *FORGOT*! IT ONLY RESPONDS TO *MY FINGERPRINTS* UNLESS I PROGRAM IT SO--

NICE *TRY*. LIKE I'M GOING TO *LET* YOU TOUCH THIS GIZMO. IT MAY BE A *DISINTEGRATOR*, FOR ALL I KNOW!

KRNNCH

WHY'D YOU DO *THAT*?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE *NEEDING* IT ANYMORE.

THE PLANET SCADAM...

REALLY, KAYLA, HAVEN'T WE SEEN *ENOUGH*?

I WOULDN'T MIND BEING *FARTHER* FROM THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY HERE--

--A *LOT* FARTHER.

THIS IS *NOT GOOD*.

IT CAN'T *TAKE* MUCH MORE.

BTBTBTBTBTBTOOOOOOOOM

I KNEW IT!

EARTH...

SEE, THE WAY I GOT IT FIGURED IS *THIS*, ANYONE WHO WOULD ATTACK THE *PROTECTOR OF THE UNIVERSE*-- FOR ANY REASON-- MUST BE AN *ENEMY* OF THE UNIVERSE!

TO *PROTECT* THE UNIVERSE FROM ITS ENEMIES, I MUST *DESTROY THEM* OR ELSE THEY'RE JUST GONNA COME BACK AND DO *MORE BAD STUFF!*

SO FACE IT, CAPTAIN MARVEL, I REALLY HAVE *NO CHOICE* BUT TO *SLICE YOU UP* INTO "WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER?" RIDDLE.

NOTHING *PERSONAL*, YOU UNDERST--

WHAT'S WITH THE *BREEZE?*

OH.

LET HER GO *NOW*--

--OR YOU'RE GOING TO *EAT HAMMER!*

NEXT: ALL-OUT WAR WITH THE AVENGERS!

THE MOST SURPRISING *GUEST STAR* IN THE UNIVERSE!

AND WHATEVER HAPPENED TO *QUASAR*?

STELLARGRAMS

Attention correspondents: All letters considered for publication must include your name and address, though we will withhold that information upon request.

MIKE ROCKWITZ: EDITOR BARRY DUTTER: ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dear Marvel,

About QUASAR #35: First, you don't have enough room now for all the interesting characters in these pages. I hate to think of the way coverage of Kayla and Ken is going to suffer as Wendell finds new supporting characters throughout the galaxy. Not to mention that since Her showed up, there hasn't seemed to be any time to spare to follow up on Epoch's development.

Second, I like the way the irreligious Quasar is coming to realize as he begins to travel in cosmic circles that in the Marvel Universe, souls and afterlives do exist. The pantheon isn't one that humans invented or worship, but gods exist, too: Death, Eternity, etc. And they really are a bunch of self-involved anthropomorphic beings who use humans as pawns. He is reacting much as I would expect him to react--- his initial skepticism is demolished by proof.

Third, I wonder why Quasar gave Makkari a treadmill to run on while transporting him through space. This makes as much sense as seating airline passengers on stationary bicycles. I suppose Makkari prefers to exercise while traveling but this needs to be explained.

Anyhow, fine work all around as usual.

Daniel H. Bigelow
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Republic, WA 99166

Thanks, Daniel. You hit the nail on the head as far as Makkari's preferred mode of exercise--we gambled that most of you would figure it out so we didn't belabor it. As for Quasar's "irreligiousness," here's another point of view...

Dear Mr. Gruenwald,

As a young student of theology, I found Quasar's personal opinions/thoughts about the existence of an afterlife in issue #35 highly insulting. While Fath the Mourner goes off to question Wayopex to see if there was some kind of channeling irregularity between him and the souls, Quasar is left standing there, hand fumbling to his forehead, thinking, "I still haven't seen anything that makes me believe in any kind of true afterlife...This is way beyond my understanding."

Mr. Gruenwald, it doesn't take any kind of understanding to know for sure if there is spiritual existence beyond flesh...only knowledge and a true study of the subject matter. I have been engaged for over ten months now in an in-depth study of world religions and Christian Holy scriptures such as the Bible, as well as mounds and mounds of historical evidences surrounding the Christian faith, not to mention physics. I am convinced that there is more than enough proof for Quasar.

To give some, consider physics. Anybody who knows anything about physics knows that beyond the most diminuitive elements such as atoms or protons there is an unseeable, indescribable, unrational force holding everything together. It cannot be measured or calculated or even labeled under the table of elements. This force just seems to be everywhere holding up everything.

Considering religion, Christianity has astounding evidences that could turn any agnostic such as Quasar into an interstellar monk. The earliest prophets who wrote the Old Testament foretold the life and events of a future messiah who would one day come sent by God. Over three hundred prophecies were written about Him and Jesus Christ fulfilled them all in his 33-year ministry on Earth. The crucifixion was foretold and described accurately by King David in Psalm 22 and Isaiah in Isaiah 53. And the resurrection is a historical fact.

I can't see Quasar's roaming opinions as intellectual or based upon any true conviction. If a character is going to be Protector of the Universe then surely he will be properly trained in all fields of study on Earth before daring to take on the universe. He is being disloyal to the scientific attitude by thinking it is beyond his understanding and not investigating the facts laid out to human beings by historical events and prophetic fulfillments.

Quasar should learn to think twice about what he thinks is true compared to what he knows is true.

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Sorry, Rennie, but what you put in the realm of fact, others would consider faith. We're sorry if you're insulted by someone not having the same belief system as you, but since your studies have undoubtedly acquainted you with the concept of free will, you can probably see that Quasar is simply exercising his. What do the rest of you readers think of Quasar's beliefs or lack thereof? Let's hear from you.

Dear Editor,

As a loyal reader of QUASAR issue #35 contained several points of great interest to me. First, there was the revelation that the book's sales are now quite healthy. That was a relief. Secondly, there's the story itself. "Empire of Dust" was a great way to show the aftermath of the events in the "Operation: Galactic Storm" storyline. Visiting Hala was a logical move on Quasar's part and bringing back the Mourners to conduct a memorial service for the hundreds of billions of Kree killed by the nega-bomb was perfect. The enormous figure who popped up on the last two pages looks like a much larger version of the creature who appeared in THOR #262-263, which the Soul-Survivors created using the life force they had stolen from Odin. Presumably the Deonists are also responsible for this behemoth, and it is he who has waylaid the lost Kree souls.

Thirdly, QUASAR #35 began a new direction for both the book and character. Much as I have enjoyed Quasar's adventures, I've been slightly disappointed that the Protector of the Universe has stayed so close to Earth. I'm sorry he had to leave the Avengers but I'm delighted that he's going out to see what's happening in the rest of the Marvel Universe. I think that a grand tour of the cosmos is a great idea. Such a tour would enable Mark to clear up some of the questions about the Marvel Universe that have never been answered. For example, where are the Shi'Ar Galaxy and Beta Ray Bill's Burning Galaxy located? Who built the M'Kraan Crystal? Why are most of the races in the Marvel Universe humanoid? And so on.

I am also quite satisfied with Wendell's choice of companions for his travels. Makkari is great as Wendell's best friend, and having Her tag along should be interesting. Two points to make about the trio. First, Her really does need a new name, especially since she's given up her fixation with mothering a new race. Second, Quasar needs to do something about his love life. In the past year, Moondragon, Her, and Kayla have all expressed interest in him, but aside from (wisely) rejecting Moondragon, Wendell hasn't done a thing about a relationship. If he wants to be with Kayla, he should let her know he's interested, and if he only wants to be friends with Her, he should not let her get false ideas.

Speaking of Kayla Ballantine, the continuing subplot focusing on her is getting interesting. Considering her recent feats of levitation and telekinesis, I suspect she's undergoing some sort of transformation and that "Globey" is using the Angler and Quagmire to monitor and analyze the whole thing. I also suspect this new "H.D. Steckley" is somehow involved. One thing I don't have a clue about is who "Globey" really is.

The last regular cast member is Epoch. I'm rather fond of this baby-faced little spudling but there are several things about her and her late mother that are bothering me. First, is Epoch the clonal offspring of Eon or was a father involved? Second, Eon once claimed to be the offpspring of Eternity, Time, and the Cosmic Axis. Was she telling the truth, and if so why did she once claim to have been created by Chronos the Titan? Third, did Eon create the Eonverse or merely occupy and name it? If Eon's 6 million mile wide body existed in the Eonverse, how could Quasar not see her true size when he visited there? Finally, we readers know that Wendell delivered Epoch, but Nebula later "reset" the universe so that everything was the way it was 24 hours earlier. As a cosmic being, Epoch was presumably able to avoid being "reset" back into Eon's womb, but Quasar's memories were affected. If he doesn't remember his encounter with Thanos, then he shouldn't remember delivering Epoch.

Keep up the good work.

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